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September 30, 2003

Mr. Paul Morabito, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1300 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Mr. Morabito:

I am writing to urge my strong support for the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District's grant application in the amount of \$700,000 to implement the Navarro Watershed Restoration Plan.

As you know, the State Coastal Conservancy has supported and coordinated funding to develop a plan that has been instrumental in developing conservation projects and community stewardship for natural resources in the Navarro watershed. Please continue to support this valuable program that, if funded, will provide program coordination and project implementation that is vital to the watershed.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me in my Capitol office at 916-445-3375.

Sincerely,

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WESLEY CHESBRO
State Senator, 2nd District

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September 24, 2003

Paul Morabito, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy Board
1300 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, California 94612-2530

Dear Mr. Chairman,

The California Department of Parks and Recreation manages thousands of acres of parkland within the Navarro watershed. Part of the mission of the Department is to protect the State's significant natural resources and biodiversity. Watershed restoration is an important element of that responsibility.

As you know, the State Park budget is in serious trouble. This is why it is so important for us to continue the valuable partnerships that we have established for watershed restoration. Patty Madigan has been wonderful in initiating and managing restoration projects on parkland in the Navarro. The road-related sediment reduction work and exotic species removal projects that she has proposed or developed have been extremely important for the parks.

The State Coastal Conservancy's project and coordination funding to implement the *Navarro Watershed Restoration Plan* has been instrumental in developing conservation projects and community stewardship for natural resources. Please continue to support this valuable program. We look forward to partnering with the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District in developing high-quality restoration projects and programs in the Navarro watershed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Renée Pasquinelli".

Renée Pasquinelli
Senior State Park Resource Ecologist

cc: Mendocino Co. RCD c/o
Janet Olave, Executive Director
405. So. Orchard Ave.
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Memorandum

To : Paul Morabito, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy
1300 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Date: September 24, 2003

From : Robert W. Floerke, Regional Manager 
Department of Fish and Game - Central Coast Region, Post Office Box 47, Yountville, California 94599

Subject : Mendocino County Resource Conservation District

For the past three years, the State Coastal Conservancy, through the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District (MCRCD), has provided funding for fishery restoration activities in the Navarro River basin. Funded activities have included project planning, project implementation, public outreach, and project coordination. The activities implement the Navarro Watershed Restoration Plan (1998), which provides a framework toward restoring salmon and steelhead populations in the Navarro basin. Restoration activities enabled by Coastal Conservancy funding have included storm proofing unimproved ranch and rural subdivision roads, a program to control the non-native invasive plant *Arundo donax*, development of a local water quality monitoring project, restoration workshops for landowners, and development of a streamlined coordinated multi-agency permit process for restoration projects. These activities over the past three years have been of great value to fishery restoration, and have often synergized and complemented the Department of Fish and Game's restoration project activities in the Navarro basin.

We support MCRCD in its request for funding for an additional three years of fishery restoration activities in the Navarro basin. MCRCD assistance with project identification, project development, and landowner access and community relationships has been a successful strategy and we look forward to working with MCRCD on joint restoration projects in the future.

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If you have questions regarding our comments, please contact Doug Albin, Associate Fisheries Biologist, at (707) 964-7683; or Bob Coey, Senior Fisheries Biologist, at (707) 944-5582.

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HOLMES RANCH ASSOCIATION

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September 27, 2003

Paul Morabito, Chairman
STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY BOARD
1300 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, California 94612-2530

Re: Mendocino Resource Conservation District - *Navarro Watershed Restoration Plan*


Dear Mr. Morabito:

The Holmes Ranch Association owns and maintains over nine (9) miles of rock and dirt roads in the Holmes Ranch Subdivision, Philo, California. As an Association, we are concerned and have taken a proactive role in reducing silt migration to Mill Creek, a tributary to the Navarro River. Over the past few years, this effort has focused on the restructuring of our roads to mitigate run-off.

A significant portion of the moneys needed to complete this work have been provided by a DFG grant [awarded to our Association by the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District] with the assistance of the Navarro Watershed Restoration Plan coordinator. We hope to continue our efforts in the coming months with a similar grant to complete the job.

As an Association, we believe it is important to express our support for the Restoration Plan as envisioned by your Board. As a property owner, I want to thank you for all you have done to date. Please continue funding the Navarro Watershed Restoration Plan so that the stated objectives may be achieved. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Martin R. Riskin, President

cc: Tom Piper, MCRCD

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September 13, 2003

Paul Morabito, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy Board
1300 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, California 94612-2530

Re.: Support to the Mendocino Resource Conservation District for *the Navarro Watershed Restoration Plan*

Dear Mr. Morabito,

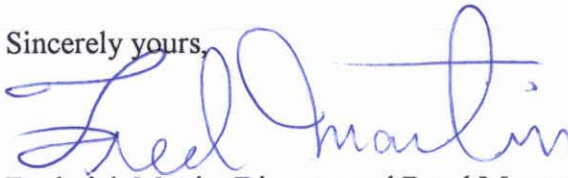
The Holmes Ranch Association owns nine miles of gravel roads in the Anderson Valley. It has been active in restructuring its roads to reduce erosion from its roads in order to reduce the silt moving into Mill Creek a tributary to the Navarro River.

The Navarro Watershed Restoration Plan coordinator has been instrumental in helping us to seek funding through the DFG grants, with our matching funds, for restructuring our roads. We look forward to working with the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District in implementing our restoration project in the Navarro watershed.

Your funding to the Resource Conservation District for coordinating and implementing the Restoration Plan has been exceedingly helpful to the communities in Anderson Valley and to us. We urge you to continue with this support.

If you have any questions about the Holmes Ranch projects, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely yours,



Frederick Martin, Director and Road Manager
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cc: Mr. Tom Piper, MCRCD

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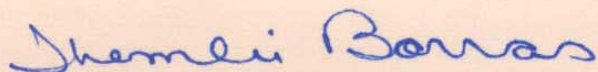
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State Coastal Conservancy Board
1300 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

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Dear Mr. Chairman,

As a member of the Navarro Watershed Working Group, I want to thank you for your funding to implement the Navarro Watershed Restoration Plan. Specifically, in partially, funding the Navarro Watershed Coordinator Position. Patty Madigan has been instrumental in coordinating efforts in the watershed increasing their effectiveness. Also in funding watershed improvement projects and supporting community stewardship of natural resources. Although, I am sure the deficit has placed financial pressure on the State Coastal Conservancy, I hope you will look at the work which has been completed and the foundations which are being built for work to come and continue to fund this valuable program.

Sincerely,



Thembi Borrás, Registered Professional Forester #2700

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Paul Morabito, Chair *Julia*
State Coastal Conservancy Board
1300 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

September 30, 2003

Dear Mr. Chairman,

Implementation of the Navarro Watershed Restoration Plan would not have begun, nor will it continue without funding from the State Coastal Conservancy. We have been thrilled to not only work on the Anderson Creek restoration site, but to utilize it as a classroom for students from the Anderson Valley Unified School District. These projects continue to not only restore our river, but to strengthen our community. Please continue your support!

Sincerely,



Kenneth R. Montgomery, M.S.
Director
Mendocino Natives Nursery Project



Wendy Blankenheim
Watershed Restoration Site Manager
and Education Coordinator

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Bill Palmer-Taylor - Edible Landscaping & Biodiversity
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October 6, 2003

Janet Olave, Executive Director
Mendocino Co. RCD *Ukiah*
405 So. Orchard Ave. CA 95482

Dear Ms. Olave:

I am writing in support of continuation of the Navarro River Restoration Program. Bringing back salmon will benefit the local economy, and the Restoration Program itself creates meaningful jobs. More sustainable management of this river will help prevent future water shortages and flooding. A small investment now will help us save and improve our quality of life, with attendant economic benefits. Most importantly, we will be leaving future generations a better environment than we inherited, the true reward of public service. Thanks.

Sincerely,

Bill Palmer-Taylor
2400 Highway 128
Philo, CA 95466

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Mr. Paul Morabito, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy Board
1300 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

October 10, 2003

Dear Mr. Morabito,

I am writing to you to express my support for your continued funding of the Navarro River Watershed Restoration Program being proposed by the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District (MCRCD). As you know, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), MCRCD, and the Coastal Conservancy have forged an important partnership dedicated to working with the people of the Navarro watershed and other Federal, State and Local agencies in the implementation of the Conservancy supported (1998) Navarro Watershed Restoration Plan. How many times have you heard citizens complain "that (fill in the blank) plan is just gathering dust on some agency bookshelf and will never result in any action"? You should feel proud today that your(our) Navarro Plan continues to be the blueprint for real environmental improvements in this critical coastal watershed thanks to the people and agency partnerships forged by the MCRCD's work there over the past few years. Patty Madigan, MCRCD Watershed Coordinator, has built an outstanding model of community watershed restoration with the able assistance of SCC Project Manager Julia McIver and the local members of the Navarro Watershed Working Group. Your past support of the MCRCD's restoration program was leveraged many times over with erosion control and salmon habitat improvement funding from the California Department of Fish and Game, NRCS's Environmental Quality Improvement Program, and Dept. of Water Resources Urban Streams Program to name just a few. When the MCRCD encountered landowner concerns regarding permitting delays to restoration projects they worked with regulatory agencies and the non-profit, Sustainable Conservation, to develop a model permit coordination program that have removed institutional barriers to restoration.

Even with this great effort, a tremendous amount of restoration needs remain. Your continued support of the MCRCD's program would reflect favorably on your agency and, in fact, is critical to keeping the Navarro River and its residents on the steady path to resource recovery. Please give this proposal the funding vote of confidence it has earned and deserves.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom Schott".

Tom Schott
District Conservationist

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October 5, 2003

Paul Morabito, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy Board
1300 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, California 94612-2530

Dear Mr. Morabito:

During the late 1990's the Anderson Valley Land Trust worked with the Mendocino County Water Agency and the Coastal Conservancy to develop a restoration plan for the Navarro Watershed. The *Navarro Watershed Restoration Plan* was published in June of 1998. Since then the State Coastal Conservancy's project and coordination funding to implement the *Navarro Watershed Restoration Plan* has been instrumental in developing conservation projects and community stewardship for natural resources in southern Mendocino County. In the past three years, these resources have helped to assess and restore roads, reducing potential sediment delivery into the Navarro River basin. Other projects have improved riparian corridors and fish habitat. The program has helped develop an innovative coordinated, restoration-permitting program with state and federal regulatory agencies. Annual workshops, coordinated by the Navarro Restoration Program, inform the public about conservation practices and promote stewardship activities.

The Coastal Conservancy has supported the Mendocino Native Project here in Anderson Valley. This project will help provide native plants for restoration projects as well as providing community education. This project will also help support the Robinson Creek Restoration Project that is being coordinated by Patty Madigan, the Navarro Watershed Coordinator. We have been happy to endorse the Robinson Creek project and to participate in one of the creek cleanup workshops. We are happy to support Patty's important work however we can.

We hope that you will continue to support this valuable program. The continued development of high-quality restoration projects and programs in the Navarro watershed by Mendocino County Resource Conservation District is very important to sustaining the benefits to the watershed and community, long-term.

Sincerely,

Susan Addison, President

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Navarro Watershed Working Group
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Paul Morabito, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy Board
1300 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, California 94612-2530
September, 28, 2003

Dear Mr. Chairman,

The State Coastal Conservancy's project and coordination funding to implement the *Navarro Watershed Restoration Plan* has been instrumental in developing conservation projects and community stewardship for natural resources. With your help various projects have already been finished and a good number are under way. Our community has and will continue to rally around this meaningful environmental work. We are partnering with the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District in developing high-quality restoration projects and programs in the Navarro watershed and we hope you continue to support our worthwhile program.

Sincerely,
Russ Emal